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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 16, 1897.*

WERTENBAKER: Burgess cables *Lermond* took bills of health April 3, and cargo sugar fumigated three times while loading. Therefore pass if otherwise O. K., and note facts for collector.

WYMAN,
*Surgeon-General.*

*Correspondence concerning smallpox on steamship Victoria at Port Townsend Quarantine.*

UNITED STATES QUARANTINE STATION,
(VIA PORT TOWNSEND, WASH.),
*April 20, 1897.*

Case of smallpox on Victoria, occurred among steerage passengers for Nashville Exposition; baggage and bedding of steerage passengers was not steamed until steamer arrived at Victoria; steerage passengers will be detained in quarantine here fourteen days from time of disinfection in Victoria, as bedding and baggage were liable to convey infection up to that time. The baggage was carried in bunks with passengers. Please wire if this action is approved. Number of steerage passengers 345, vessel with crew and other passengers released.

STIMPSON,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

TACOMA, WASH., *April 20, 1897.*

Three hundred and forty-five Asiatics from steamer *Victoria* have been detained at Diamond Point Quarantine Station. Steamer left Yokohama April 4; no sickness since; health and general sanitary condition of vessel excellent. Reason given for detention is that health officer at Yokohama fumigated with sulphur instead of steam. Shall be obliged if you will inquire into this case with a view to earlier release than fourteen days.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 21, 1897.*

Dr. STIMPSON,
*Port Townsend Quarantine, Port Townsend, Wash.*

Your action in detaining Asiatics approved.

WYMAN,
*Surgeon-General.*

*Smallpox in Mobile, Ala.*

MOBILE, ALA., *April 17, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a colored man named William Lenson called at the office of the county health officer yesterday suffering with smallpox. He has been working at Baird's mill, about 1 mile from the city limits, and slept with Greeley, the last case, March 28, up to the time Greeley sought relief.

Lenson was promptly sent to the pesthouse. No other cases are known.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*